

Floor Statement of Rep. Lois Capps
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Mr. Speaker, it's no secret that power generation produces the vast majority of carbon pollution that is causing climate change.

In order to mitigate the impacts of climate change, we have no choice but to find cleaner, more sustainable energy sources.

The good news is we've been making progress...

For example, thanks to both federal and private investments, my district on California's Central Coast is now home to two of the largest operating solar farms in the world – and more are on their way.

I had the pleasure of visiting these facilities last week, and they are truly a sight to behold...

The California Valley Solar Ranch and the Topaz Solar Farms are already generating 550 mega-watts of electricity and powering hundreds of thousands of California homes.

The clean energy generated from these two projects alone is equivalent to removing over 135,000 cars from our roads.

Plus they have the added benefit of creating hundreds of local construction jobs in my district.

There's no silver bullet to stopping climate change...

But renewable energy is certainly a big step in the right direction.

I urge my colleagues to join me in helping to stop climate change. Let's invest in a clean energy future.